

## **Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee**

### **Video and Audiotaping Policy Information**

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#### **Background**

Delaware Coastal Programs (DCP) received a request from member of the public to videotape the February, 2011 Meeting of the Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (SLRAC)

SLRAC discussed the request at February, 2011 meeting.

- A recommendation was made to allow the taping of the 2 presentations and to table discussion of future taping pending advice from Attorneys General.

Attorney General Opinion dated April 1, 2011 was received by DCP April 29, 2011:

- No legitimate reason to prohibit video cameras from public meeting rooms
- Public bodies can make rules about recording so that the meeting is not disrupted

#### **DCP Recommendations**

Based upon the A.G opinion, the following are draft guidelines for the SLRAC to consider

- 1) Those who wish to audio/videotape the proceedings should coordinate with the committee chair or meeting coordination staff in advance of the meeting.
- 2) The audience and committee should be informed that audio/videotaping is being undertaken.
- 3) Audio/Videotaping activities must be conducted so as to not disrupt the meeting. An appropriate location will be established for video cameras to be set up. Unless specific permission is granted by the Committee, video operators will not be permitted to rove around the meeting room.
- 4) The committee will ask for an unedited copy of videotapes from meetings for our records and to share with other interested parties.